RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 11th March, 1986/20 Phalguna, 1907 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

*221. [*The questioners (Shri Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav and Dr. Bapu Kaldate) were absent. For answer,* vide *Col.* 36—42 infra.]

*222. [*The questioner (Shri Shanker Sinh Vaghela) was absent. For answer,* vide *Col.* 42 infra.]

*223. [*The questioner (Shri D. Heerachand) was absent. For answer,* vide *Col.* 43 infra.]

Introduction of Drive-in-Hotels Scheme

*224. SHRI V NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Drive-in-Hotels Scheme on the National Highways, at distances of 50 Kms., for the benefit of the travelling public and tourists; and

(b) if so, by when the Scheme is likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) There is no Government proposal at present to introduce Drive-in-Hotels Scheme on the National Highways.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has popularised the slogan—Welcome a visitor, send back a friend. Therefore, tourism was given a lot of importance in those days and it is being continued nowadays. There are a lot of places of pilgrim importance and places of tourist importance in our country. Private industrialists are monopolising in the field. Therefore, for the purpose of facilitating the tourists who are visiting these places, does the Government have any proposal to set up hotels at places of pilgrim importance and other places in the country?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not relevant, not arising out of the question.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: What are the reasons for not starting the drive-in hotels on national highways where private monopolists are holding the field?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I would like to inform the honourable Member that there is no scheme as such with the Government of India . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is why you don't have a scheme.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I am giving the reasons. There is a scheme where we give some assistance to the State Governments for providing wayside facilities at different places which include in some cases highways and in some cases other places. Besides, the State Governments themselves, notably Bihar, Rajasthan and Punjab, have certain schemes which they have been implementing. The Government is certainly keen that wayside facilities which may be of different categories should be developed. To an extent the Central Government does help the State Governments in making these schemes. The total number of highways is very large, the number of places of tourist interest and attraction is very large, and in this effort the resources of the Central Government, the State Governments and the private sector have to be pooled together.

SHRI R. MOHANRANGAM: On the previous occasion the honourable Minister said that they are prepared to start janata type hotels, like yatri nivas. The present question is whether the Government is prepared to give any assistance for starting new hotels, say, at every 50 kms. on different national highways. The Minister said that the Central Government and the State Governments have to pool resources and all that. The question

is other than the State Governments and the Central Government, there are many private entrepreneurs who wish to start such small hotels on the national highways. Does the Government have any proposal to give assistance to such private owners when they come forward for setting up hotels of this type?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I would respectfully tell the honourable Member that he is mixing up the two things. In my last answer before the House I spoke about janata type, economy type or Budget hotels. Now, a hotel may be on a highway or may not be on a highway. The whole question is about janata, budget and economy type hotels, to be helped by the Central Government at a place chosen by the State Government where they provide the land and the Central Government assists. If the State Government comes forward with proposals for such hotels on highways, the Central Government is willing to consider it. There are a number of places which may not be on a highway, they may be in towns and other places where there is tourist attraction.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: If private parties come forward to start these hotels, is the Government of India ready to give permission for construction of such hotels on highways?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is for the State Governments to give permission. How does the Central Government come in?

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Because it is on national highways. Otherwise, the State Government has power to give licence . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is enough. Next, Mr. Gupta.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Gupta.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Sir, a number of "Drive-in" Hotels are there on the roads around Delhi, particularly on the Delhi-Agra road, where liquor is being served which results in accidents on the roads. I would like to know how many such hotels are there on this highway.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Sir, I cannot give the exact number of the various kinds of hotels which are there on the highways around Delhi. They are on the Delhi-Haryana border and there are some on the Rajasthan side and there are a few on the UP side. So, I cannot give the exact number of these hotels. Some are hotels and some are motels and, in some cases, there are only shops. I also know that there are places where liquor is being sold. But, Sir, I do not know how many accidents have taken place as a result of the liquor that is sold; I do not know that. That information is not with the Tourism Ministry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question. Question No. 225. Mr. Yadav.

राजभाषा अधिनियम का कार्यान्वयन

*225. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव:** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा इस संबंध में हिदायतें दिए जाने के बावजूद, राजभाषा अधिनियम और हिन्दी संबंधी वार्षिक प्रगामी कार्यक्रम को पिछले अनेक वर्षों से कार्यान्वित न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय और उसके उपक्रमों में काम करने वाले ऐसे कर्मचारियों को, जो अपना कार्य हिन्दी में करते हैं, सताया जा रहा है और उन्हें नौकरी से निकाल दिया जाता है तथा इस संबंध में सरकार के पास शिकायत किए जाने के बाद भी सरकार कोई कार्यवाही नहीं कर रही है; यदि हां, तो अपना कार्य हिन्दी में करने के कारण अब तक कितने व्यक्ति नौकरी से निकाले गए; और

(ग) उनके मंत्रालय के विभिन्न विभागों के किस-किस अनुभाग में सब कार्य हिन्दी में इस वर्ष के कार्यक्रम के अनुसार किया जा रहा है ?